GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VIP SECURITY
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to formulate clear guidelines for VIP movement in the Capital in order to ensure better traffic management;

(b) if so, the time by which the guidelines are likely to be formulated;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the citizens from police harassment who happen to inadvertantly stray in front of the VIP cavalcades;

(d) whether the Government have any alternative ways to avoid hefty expenses incurred on the security measures of the VVIPs and to save the public from police harassment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a),(b)&(c): The new policy on security of individuals was announced on 7.2.2000 and one of the main features of the new policy is to ensure that minimum inconvenience is caused to the general public due to security arrangements made for protectees. Guidelines have also been sent to the protectees in the form of do`s and dont`s in which they have been advised not to ask the security personnel to violate traffic rules and also not to cause inconvenience to the public by making frequent visits to public places. Serious complaints of harrassment are also individually looked into.

(d)&(e): Security to President, Prime Minister and Vice President of India is provided as per detailed guidelines laid down.The list of other protectees is subjected to periodic reviews on the basis of latest threat perception in each case. These reviews are meant to ensure that persons in public life who invite the wrath of militants and terrorists are provided appropriate security and at the same time adequate police force is available for the security of common citizens. As a result, unnecessary expenditure on the security of individuals is avoided.